

TO THE  
RIGHT HONOURABLE THE  
COMMONS of ENGLAND  
in Parliament assembled.

The Humble Petition of *Richard Tebell* Executor to the late Major  
*Christopher Bethell*, Deceased.

*Sheweth,*

**T**Hat the Petitioner seriously considering the many Declarations and other ground<sup>s</sup> of hope given to the Kingdom by this honourable House; and observing the great danger the Parliament and Kingdom was exposed unto was encouraged to bring in his own Horse and Arms, and therewith actually served under the Command of that Trusty, Valiant, and Faithful Maj. *Christopher Bethell*, from July 1642. until the time of his Death, October 1645. but in May before the Petitioner received seventeen several wounds by the Enemy, and was stript naked, and left for dead upon the Field, where he lay the space of an hour upon the bare ground, in as deplorable a condition almost as could be imagined, it being a sharp frosty night, and he not having so much as one cloth or ragge to cover him. By all which, (besides his extraordinary expence for Cure) he hath lost the use of his right hand, and so is wholly disabled to help himself by following his Calling; Notwith-

standing he hath hitherto received neither Pen-

Declaration of Octob. 25. 1642.  
**T**He Lords and Commons for their better encouragement do Order and Declare, That they (the Lords and Commons) Will provide a competent maintenance and allowance for such of them as shall be maimed, and thereby disabled by their labour to help themselves.

sion nor other allowance to sustain him since the death of the said Major, &c. five 8 l. 8 s. in part of his Arrears, by an Order of the Honourable Committee of the Army, above two years since.

Now the said Major, (whose singular services have sufficiently declared his worth, which the Petitioner hopeth is still retained in the memory of this Honourable House) having had much

experience of the Petitioner, and being confident of his integrity, did appoint him Executor of his last Will: In the Execution whereof, he hath found his Disbursements, Engagements, Debts, and Funeral, (besides Legacies) to be much more then what he had in *Esse* at his death could answer; he having bin several times taken Prisoner, and lost of his own Horses in the service of the Kingdom, to the number of 25, or thereabouts, besides Monies, Clothes, Arms, and other things of worth, as some who served him all the time of his life in the late Wars do affirm.

And your Petitioner hath patiently waited nigh these three years, hoping long ere this to have perfected the business of Trust committed to him, but hath (by all his endeavours) hitherto accomplished nothing, onely brought himself to the very pits brink of ruin, want, and poverty, which is a heavy contributor to a maimed soldiers misery: but upon the third of April last, Lieut. Gen. *Cromwell* moved that your Petitioner might be comprised in an Order granted upon the Petition of several Officers then newly come out of Ireland; It being referred to the Honourable Committee for Irish affairs, to state their Accompts, and to pay such a proportion of arrears as they should think fit, out of such concealed delinquents estates as the Petitioners should discover; which hath proved altogether fruitless hitherto, and ineffectual to the Petitioners relief.

May it therefore please this Honourable House, seriously to consider the deservings, disbursements, engagements, debts, losses, and funerals of the said Major; and to commiserate the extreme sufferings of your Petitioner. And forasmuch as there are several debts and Legacies to be paid out of his arrears, the Petitioner most humbly prayeth your Honour, to Order the present payment of all such Arrears as shall appear to be due upon the report of the state of his accompts from the said Committee for Irish Affairs, to the Petitioner, out of such monies as have bin formerly ordered, and is yet unpaid to the L. *Ormond*, or the L. *Willoughby* of Parham, out of Goldsmiths Hall; that so your Petitioner may be effectually enabled to testify his fidelity to his deceased friend, in discharging all his debts; and may also answer his desires, (with the continual expectation of his friends) in the right disposing of his Legacies: And the Petitioner may (by the Justice of this Honourable House,) be delivered from those extremities which the want of his Calling, through the loss of his right hand is like to subject him unto,

*And your Petitioner shall ever pray, &c.*